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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7726

BILL NUMBER: HB 2031

DATE PREPARED: Jan 15, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Quality and Best Practices Resource Center.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **X** GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		1,750,000	1,750,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(1,750,000)	(1,750,000)

Summary of Legislation: This bill would establish the Indiana School Quality and Best Practices Resource Center (the Resource Center) as a public private partnership to provide expertise and training in school quality matters. It would appropriate \$1,750,000 annually from the State General Fund for the Resource Center. It would repeal the Indiana Twenty-first Century Schools Pilot Program and the Freeway School Corporation & Freeway School Program, and would make conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999; June 30, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would establish the Indiana School Quality and Best Practices Resource Center (the Resource Center) as a public private partnership to provide expertise and training in school quality matters. It would be required to provide public schools and school communities with expertise and training regarding the following: 1) world class academic standards; 2) rigorous performance standards; 3) best curriculum and instructional practices; 4) best school organizational practices; 5) effective parent and family involvement strategies; 6) effective community partnership strategies; and 7) high quality assurance models.

This bill would require the Governor's Office, the State Board of Education; the Commission for Higher Education; and the Commission for Vocational and Technical Education to jointly award the four-year

performance contract to the Resource Center based on a review of the following proposal factors: 1) partners; 2) governance structure; 3) budget; 4) program content; and 5) implementation plan.

This bill would annually appropriate, to the Governor's Office, \$1,750,000 from the State General Fund for operation of the Resource Center beginning in FY 2000.

FREEWAY SCHOOL CORPORATION & FREEWAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Under current Indiana law, schools and school corporations are able to enter a contract with the State Board of Education to obtain a freeway status. Once this status has been obtained, a freeway school or school corporation is able to operate outside of certain State statutes governing the operation of regular schools and school corporations.

This bill would also repeal the Freeway School Corporation & Freeway School Program. Currently, there are approximately 10 schools that operate under a freeway school status. These school corporations would no longer be able to operate under such a status in accordance with the provisions of this bill. The State Board of Education would experience a decrease in administrative time as a result of this bill.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM

This bill would also repeal the Twenty-first Century Schools Pilot Program. Currently, there are no schools involved with this program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Local public schools would receive expertise and training regarding the following: 1) world class academic standards; 2) rigorous performance standards; 3) best curriculum and instructional practices; 4) best school organizational practices; 5) effective parent and family involvement strategies; 6) effective community partnership strategies; and 7) high quality assurance models.

State Agencies Affected: Governor's Office, State Board of Education; Commission for Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

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